CHAPTER 223:

THE MINDLESS MASK

ON A CERTAIN DAY, NEAR SETSU-BUN
COLD
HM? SOFT HAIL?
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EEH~ !?
BEANS !?
WAIT ... IT'S AIMING AT ME!?
ROKUDO-KUN, I HAVE SOMETHING TO...
MAMIYA-SAN
AH ...
MAMIYA SAKURA

SAKAKI AYAME-SAN...
YOU SEEM TROUBLED
JUST SO YOU KNOW, SHE CAME HERE TO SEE ME
IT HAS BEEN A WHILE, MAMIYA SAKURA-SAN

HUH!?
THAT ...

THIS IS THE MINDLESS OGRE THAT HAS BEEN PASSED ON FROM GENERATION TO GENERA-TION AT MY SHINTO SHRINE
MIND-LESS?
IT IS MIND-LESS

SOMETHING WHICH IS USED EVERY YEAR DURING SETSUBUN, BUT...
IT'S A GOOD FORTUNE OGRE MASK THAT DISPELS ALL WORRIES,
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Save
AH, OOPS!
LET'S MAKE YOU SHINE
YESTERDAY, WHILE I WAS MAKING PRE-PARATIONS FOR SETSU-BUN...
THE TALISMAN THAT HAD BEEN STORING THE MASK'S ENERGY OF GRATITUDE CAME OFF...
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AND SO, I CAME TO DISCUSS IT WITH JYU-MONJI-KUN...
HEEHHH
SHE SAYS THAT THE ENERGY OF GRATITUDE ESCAPED

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YOU SIGH OFTEN
I THOUGHT THAT ROKUDO MIGHT QUICKLY GET A HOLD OF THE ITEM YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR
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YEAH, IT TURNED OUT BAD
ACTUALLY, DIDN'T AYAME-SAN WANT TO LOOK FOR IT JUST WITH TSUBASA-KUN?
PERHAPS THE ENERGY OF THE OGRE MASK THAT DISPELS WORRIES...
HEY, AYAME-SAN
GEH!!
IS THIS?
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EEH!? EVEN ROKUDO-KUN!?
AH, BEAANS!!
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IT MIGHT BE JUST MY IMAGINATION, BUT THE ONE WHO WEARS THE MASK OF THE MINDLESS OGRE IS...
SHE MADE HERSELF KNOWN
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N-NO WAY... WHY!?
SAKAKI-SAN, ISN'T IT YOUR LIVING SPIRIT?
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I KNEW THAT SHE'S BEEN GONE SINCE YES-TERDAY, BUT...
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SELF-AWARE-NESS?
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WHAT ON EARTH IS HER OBJECTIVE!?
TO THINK THAT SHE BORROWED THE GRATEFUL MASK'S ENERGY...

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EVEN THOUGH THIS IS RINNE-SAMA'S ROOM
AND NOW I'M ALSO A HINDRANCE
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MAYBE SHE THINKS THAT I'M A HINDRANCE AS ALWAYS

AND EVEN WHEN WE MEET HE'S TOGETHER WITH MAMIYA SAKURA-SAN OR WITH ROKUDO-KUN
I... IT'S TRUE THAT SINCE WE LIVE SO FAR APART I DIDN'T GET TO SEE HIM SO OFTEN...
THEY KEPT GETTING IN MY WAY AND I WAS BOTHERED BY THAT, SO I WANTED TO GET RID OF THEM, BUT...

SAKAKI-SAN...

AAH... I MADE A FOOL OUT OF MYSELF ...
TO THINK THAT MY LIVING SPIRIT WOULD DO SUCH A SHAMEFUL THING WHILE I WASN'T AWARE...

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... IN THAT CASE
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THAT'S GREAT
EH!? YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT!?
WHAT A SWEET MAIDEN HEART!

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THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I ENCOUNTERED SUCH A THING,
I REALLY WANT TO DO THAT, BUT...
I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN SMOOTHLY PUT THE MASK'S ENERGY BACK...

RETRIEVE THIS ENERGY OF THE MINDLESS MASK AND LEAVE AT ONCE

だから邪魔者が退散すればいいんだよ。
行こう六道くん。
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おれの部屋なのだが…
やむを得ん。
DON'T!
DRIVING EVEN MAMIYA SAN OUT IN THE COLD WEATHER S !
AAH,
SHE'S THROWING THE BEANS WITH MORE FORCE
IT'S YOUR FAULT, JERK
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AS I THOUGHT SYLMONE KUN
LOVES MAMIYA SAKURA SAN, HUH ?
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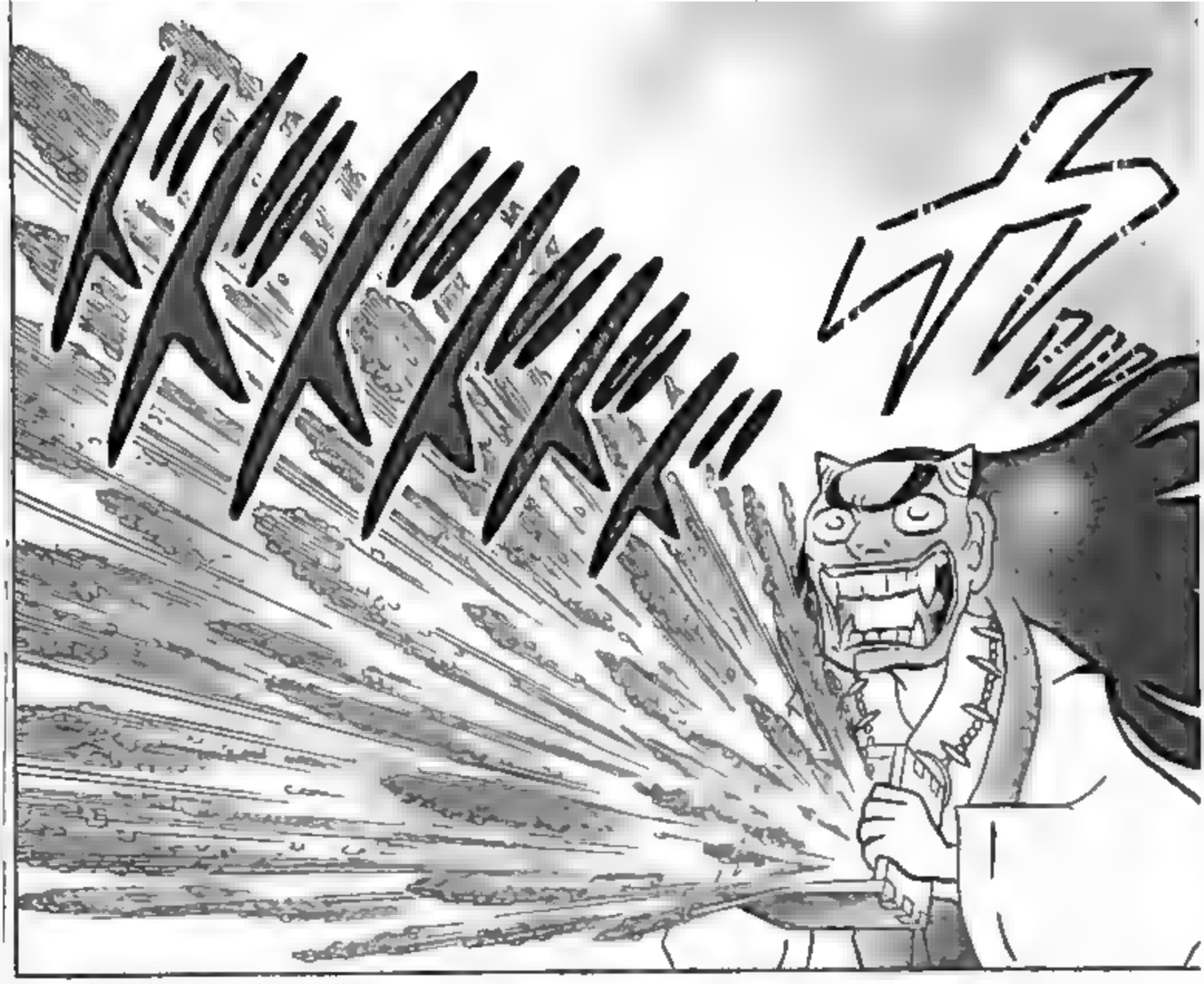

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THAT'S WHY FIRST WE NEED TO DETACH IT BY FORCE WITH THIS SPIRIT SEPARATION LIQUID
EASILY AND COMPLETELY SEPARATE
PROBABLY SINCE THE MINDLESS MASK'S ENERGY WAS ATTACHED TO THE LIVING SPIRIT SHE'S DETERMINED TO GRANT ONLY YOUR POTENTIAL DESIRE
HERE I GO!
EXACTLY!
IF WE DO THAT WE CAN PLACE IT BACK IN THE PHYSICAL MASK RIGHT?
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TH THAT'S NOT TRUE
DEEP DOWN, YOU DON'T WANT TO SEPARATE THEM HUH?

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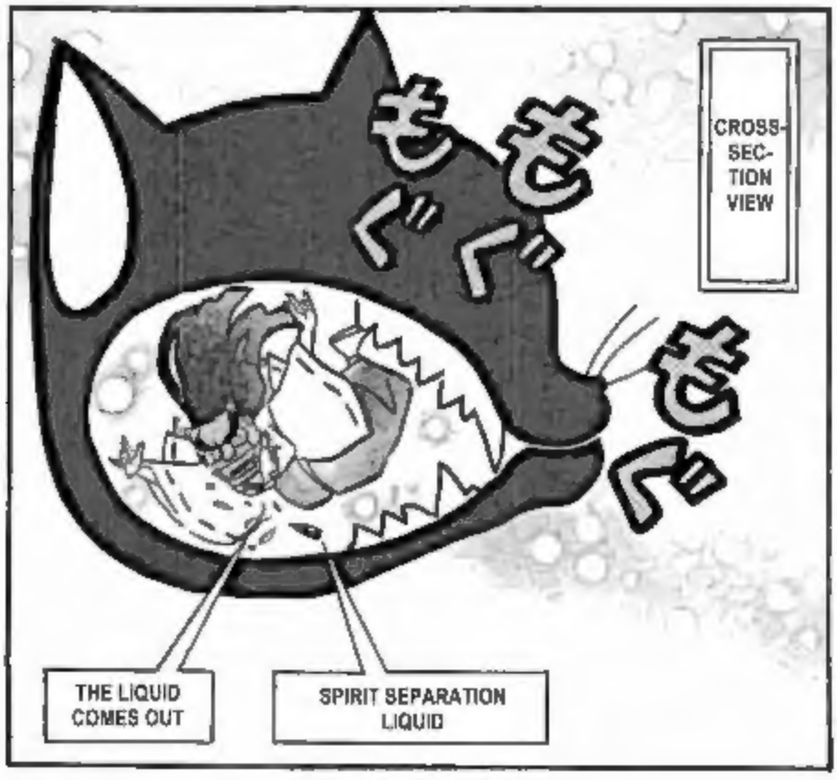
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CROSS-SEC-TION VIEW
THE LIQUID COMES OUT
SPIRIT SEPARATION LIQUID

KYA, THEY GOT EATEN!
ROKUMON-CHAN

WELL DONE, ROKUMON!
THE MASK IS DETACHING FROM HER!!

SHE CAME BACK!

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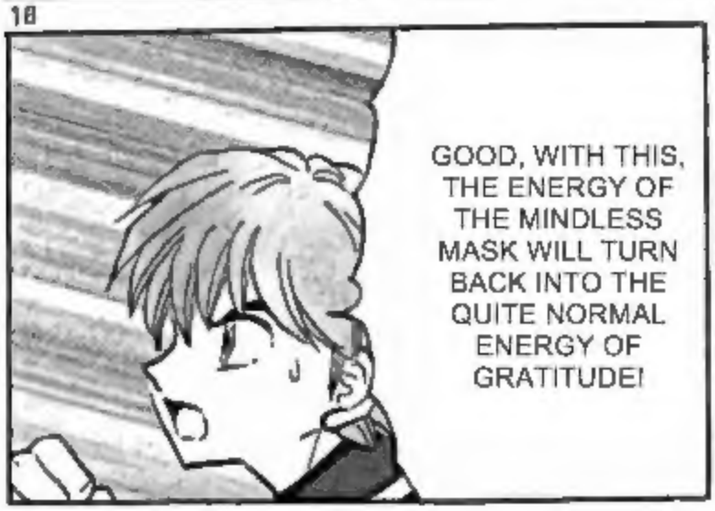
GOOD, WITH THIS, THE ENERGY OF THE MINDLESS MASK WILL TURN BACK INTO THE QUITE NORMAL ENERGY OF GRATITUDE!

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PERATE
I WISH TO EARN MONEY, I WISH TO EARN
QUICKLY PUT THE ENERGY INTO THE PHYSICAL MASK...
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SO QUICK
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PLEASE RETURN INTO YOUR ORIGINAL BODY
IT CLEARS AWAY THE WORRIES, BUT IT'S NOT A MASK THAT BRINGS GOOD FORTUNE
LEAVING?
I WON'T COME AGAIN
AYAME-SAN...?
THIS ISN'T A MASK THAT BRINGS HAPPINESS
RIGHT ...

AYAME-SAN...
EH ...?
I'LL GIVE UP ON JYUMONJI-KUN
I'D BE HAPPY!
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THEN HOW ABOUT WE GO OUT FOR A MEAL OR SOMETHING?
IT GOT DEALT WITH WHILE YOU WERE ASLEEP
AH
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BECAUSE THIS TIME YOU HELPED ME WITH VARIOUS THINGS
THIS IS REALLY YOUR TREAT, RIGHT!?
IS IT OKAY IF WE'RE HERE TOO?
YOU'RE IN THE WAY~~~